

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 55

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NOLTE (Sponsor), SMITH (71), McCREERY, BERRY,  
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**WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly recognizes the critical importance of information technology to the economic growth and competitiveness of Missouri's manufacturing sector; and

**WHEREAS**, the information technology industry is one of the most vibrant and growing sectors of Missouri's economy, creating new job opportunities every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the illegal use of unlicensed computer software reduces the profitability of Missouri's information technology industry and leads directly to the loss of jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the illegal use of unlicensed computer software undermines the competitiveness of law-abiding Missouri manufacturers that pay for the software they use; and

**WHEREAS**, software piracy is particularly pervasive in countries with a poor record of enforcing intellectual property laws and other safeguards against unfair competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri manufacturers deserve to compete on a level playing field in the global marketplace where there is respect for the rule of law and it is enforced:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Federal Trade Commission to strictly enforce United States trade laws to protect the domestic information technology and manufacturing industries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly strongly urges the Missouri Attorney General to use whatever power is at his disposal to protect Missouri manufacturers from the unfair conditions that result when they are forced to compete against unscrupulous manufacturers that use stolen information technology in their business operations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Missouri General Assembly strongly urges the Governor of the State of Missouri to use whatever power is at his disposal to ensure that state

34 governmental agencies are not doing business with contractors or suppliers that obtain or use  
35 illegal software; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
38 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
39 President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and  
40 House of Representatives, the Federal Trade Commission, the Missouri Attorney General, the  
41 Governor of the State of Missouri, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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